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**Subject: Request for Emergency Waiver of Standards for Frank R. Bowerman, Olinda Alpha and Prima Deshecha Landfills - 30-AB-0019**

Background:

On December 21, 2010, the Governor of California declared a State of Emergency due to damage caused by the recent heavy rains. The OC Waste & Recycling (OCWR) in cooperation with OC Parks and the Orange County Fire Authority are assisting the OC Public Works in managing the emergency.

The landfills are expected to receive unknown quantities of storm-related debris from different parts of the County.

Request:

In the interest of public health, safety and environmental protection, OC Waste and Recycling hereby requests Emergency Waiver of Specific Terms/Limits in the Solid Waste Facility Permits for the Frank R. Bowerman, Olinda Alpha and Prima Deshecha Landfills as specified below. This request is made in accordance with CCR, Title 14, Section 17210 et seq., Emergency Waiver of Standards, and formalizes our telephone request of December 22, 2010. The waiver would prevent storm related debris accumulation (and the associated health and safety risk) in the affected communities in a most effective manner.

OC Waste & Recycling expects to comply with all other minimum standards and permit conditions of the landfills.

It is requested that the FRB, Olinda Alpha and Prima Deshecha Landfills be allowed to:

1. Extend Landfill hours to 8:00 P.M. on Monday through Sunday starting December 22, 2010 until March 21, 2010 (90 days).

2. Accept only storm related debris during the extended hours and Sundays with no increase in daily permitted maximum tonnage of 11,500 tons/day for FRB Landfill set in the SWFP No. 30-AB-0360; 8,000 tons/day for Olinda Alpha Landfill set in the SWFP No. 30-AB-0035 and 4,000 tons/day for Prima Deshecha Landfill set in the SWFP No. 30-AB-0019.

As required by Title 14, Section 17210, et seq. the following information is provided:

1. The approximate remaining air space of the FRB Landfill is 199.6 million cubic yards, Olinda Alpha Landfill is 50.6 MCY and Prima Deshecha Landfill is 133.8 MCY as of June 30, 2010.
2. The Permitted Waste Disposal Hours are 7:00 A.M. to 5:00 P.M. for the FRB and Prima Deshecha Landfills and 6:00 A.M. to 4:00 P.M. for the Olinda Alpha Landfill.
3. The Permitted Waste Disposal Days are Monday through Saturday for the FRB, Olinda Alpha and Prima Deshecha Landfills.
4. There are several transfer/processing facilities that are capable of recycling storm related debris in Orange County. All these facilities will continue to operate as usual recovering recyclables from the waste stream. OCWR will continue to encourage the Cities to maximize the diversion of any recyclable material prior to transporting the waste to the County landfills.
5. There is no temporary transfer or processing site to be used to store and process storm related debris. Therefore, all emergency related storm debris will be hauled to the OC Waste & Recycling Landfills for disposal.

OC Waste & Recycling obtained approval on December 27, 2010 from the Regional Water Quality Control Board – Santa Ana Region and San Diego Region– to dispose emergency-related waste with high moisture content.

Thank you for your cooperation in this matter. Please call me at (714) 834-4056, if you have any questions.

Sincerely,



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